



Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilot

Youngstown/Campbell/ Struthers, OH

Outreach and Special Projects Staff (5101)

Quick Reference Fact Sheet

EPA's Brownfields Economic Redevelopment Initiative is designed to empower States, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield is a site, or portion thereof, that has actual or perceived contamination and an active potential for redevelopment or reuse. Since 1995, EPA has funded more than 200 Brownfields Assessment Demonstration Pilots, at up to \$200,000 each, to support creative two-year explorations and demonstrations of brownfields solutions. The Pilots are intended to provide EPA, States, Tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

EPA has selected the Cities of Youngstown, Campbell, and Struthers for a Brownfields Pilot. The Youngstown-Warren Metropolitan area was once the third-largest steel-producing community in the country, employing approximately 65,000 people. The area was devastated in the late 1970s when many of the major steel mills closed, including Youngstown Sheet and Tube, Republic Steel, and U.S. Steel.

The Pilot area consists of 900 acres of brownfields along the banks of the Mahoning River bordering Campbell, Struthers, and Youngstown, Ohio. This area is called the Mahoning River Corridor of Opportunity, and is a State-designated Enterprise Zone. It is estimated that 80% of land that can be developed in the three cities are brownfields. The combined population of these cities is 118,054, 23% of which is comprised of minorities. The average per capita income in the three cities is 30% below the State median and more than 35% below the national median income; the poverty level is 21%, almost double the State and national levels.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



*Youngstown, Campbell,
and Struthers, Ohio*

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Profile: The Pilot targets 900 acres of brownfields along the banks of the Mahoning River bordering Campbell, Struthers, and Youngstown, Ohio.

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OBJECTIVES

The Pilot plans to target six areas within the Mahoning River Corridor of Opportunity for assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment: a six-mile riparian corridor; a 34-acre industrial park on the site of a former steel mill; a 40-acre site that was used for residential and light commercial activities; a 29-acre vacant industrial park; a 30-acre former steel mill site; and several proposed bridge and roadway access routes. Community outreach and education activities will be targeted at those neighborhoods affected by brownfields redevelopment. A final goal of the Pilot is to produce a database containing comprehensive information about the six targeted sites.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Activities planned as part of this Pilot include:

- Performing Phase I and II environmental assessments on the six targeted sites;
- Developing a cleanup plan, based on the assessments, that will eliminate environmental hazards while fulfilling the needs of the surrounding communities;
- Producing a geographic information system database that contains comprehensive information on the targeted sites; and
- Conducting regular planning meetings with community leaders and stakeholders.

The cooperative agreement for this Pilot has not yet been negotiated; therefore, activities described in this fact sheet are subject to change.